

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of February 10, 2004 and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has raised a number of objections to the claims and appropriate amendatory action has been taken in the claims to overcome the Examiner's objections. With respect to claim 2, amendatory action has been taken to clarify the language of the claim and it is respectfully submitted that this will overcome the Examiner's objection. Claims 3-41 have been suitably amended to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112 2nd paragraph. In this regard, the claims now set forth steps which constitute the claimed method. Positive recitation of claimed structure no longer is present in these claims. It is therefore respectfully submitted, that claims 3-41 are free from objection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 2nd paragraph.

Claim 42 has been added to the application and is dependent from claim 1. The claims now present in the application are claims 1-42.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Neri. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

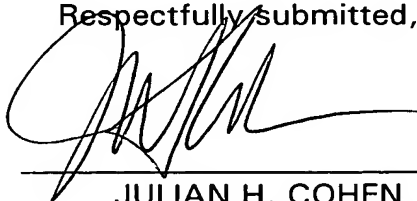
It is therefore respectfully submitted, that claim 1 is not properly subject to rejection on Neri either under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 2-42 recite additional features above and beyond the disclosure which is shown in Neri and the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is not well taken.

It is requested therefore, that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims on the Neri patent.

Since it is believed that the claims are now free from formal objection and clearly allowable over the Neri patent, allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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